



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 11/28/18

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 12/20/17

Time: 7:52pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 2031 Lockbourne Rd.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 171094787

Cruiser District: 132

Victim: Gary Copling

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 41

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Brian O. Reed

Address: 2810 Citizens Place Apt A

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 49

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On Wednesday December 20, 2017 at approximately 7:52 p.m., the Columbus Division of Police received a call and were requested to respond to 2031 Lockbourne Rd. (Dawghouse Bar). Initial information indicated that a person was shot. A male victim was later located near Studer and Reeb approximately a half block northwest of the initial scene. The victim was transported to Grant Medical Center in life threatening condition. The victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced at 8:43p.m. The victim has not been identified at the time of this Media Release. No suspect(s) or motives known at this time.

This is the 135th homicide of 2017.

UPDATE

On November 27, 2018 at 8:08 pm., Mr. Brian Reed was arrested and later charged with the murder of Mr. Copling. Mr. Copling was murdered during an illegal drug transaction in the parking lot of 2031 Lockbourne Rd. Prior to being charged with Murder, Mr. Reed was tracked down and arrested by members of the Columbus Police CRT (Community Response Team) for several misdemeanor warrants. Anyone with information regarding this homicide is asked to contact the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at 614-645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-8477.

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